ATTENDANCE OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE BAND AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORTIFICATION OF DORCHESTER HEIGHTS, MASS.

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Mr. Saltonstall, from the Committee on Armed Services, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 2262]

The Committee on Armed Services, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2262) to authorize the attendance of the United States Marine Band at the celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the fortification of Dorchester Heights, Mass., and the evacuation of Boston, Mass., by the British, to be held in South Boston, Mass., on March 17, 1951, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Marine Band to attend the celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the fortification of Dorchester Heights, Mass., and the evacuation of Boston, Mass., by the British, to be held in South Boston, Mass., or March 17, 1051

on March 17, 1951.

It has heretofore been the policy of this committee and of the House Committee to authorize either the Marine Band or the Navy Band to attend the annual reunion of Confederate veterans and the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Due to the rapid depletion from the ranks of these organizations, the committee understands that their annual reunions have virtually terminated or will do so in the next very few years. Accordingly, the committee is authorizing the attendance of the Marine Band at this celebration of the fortification of Dorchester Heights, an event which was of prime significance in the early stages of the American Revolution.

It is estimated that the cost will not exceed \$6,721.20 on the basis of 1 day's attendance at the celebration, including transportation and

all expenses.